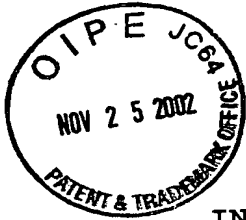


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SUPPLEMENTARY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 169-170 as follows:

--169. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the mammalian SNORF33 receptor has the amino acid sequence of the human SNORf33 receptor or a sequence having above 95% amino acid sequence identity thereof.--

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--170. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the mammalian SNORF33 receptor has the amino acid sequence of the human SNORf33 receptor or a sequence having above 90% amino acid sequence identity thereof.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-168 were pending in the subject application. In a Preliminary Amendment filed November 14, 2001, applicants canceled claims 16-18 and 38-168 without disclaimer or prejudice and amended claims 1, 33, and 34. By this Supplementary Preliminary Amendment, applicants have added new claims 169-170. Accordingly, upon entry of this Supplementary Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-15, 19-37, and new claims 169-170 will be pending and under examination.

Applicants further maintain that new claims 169-170 raise no issue of new matter and are fully supported by the specification as originally filed.

Support for new claims 169-170 may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally-filed, on page 48, line 30 through page 49, line 6; and on page 49, line 31 through page 50, line 14.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement